

OBITUARIES

Patricia Colleen Kelley *Taught in Boston and Washington State*

Patricia Colleen Kelley died on June 25, 2020 at Grace Health in Stanardsville, Virginia.

Born in Wilmington, Patricia was preceded in death by her father Joseph S. Kelley, her mother Florence P. Kelley (Dougherty) and her brother Michael Kelley.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Martinus L. Johnson, Jr. of Barboursville, Virginia; sons Brian Judge, Brandon Johnson and Daniel Johnson; and her siblings Bunny DiSano, Maureen Irwin, Barbara Jo Henderson, MerriAnn DeTeso, Deidre Perrin, and Shawn J. Kelley.

Patricia loved literature and loved teaching. She graduated from Wilmington High School, earned a degree in English literature at U.N.H and then her master's and DBA in Business at Boston University.

Patricia was passionate about education, her children, and her students. Over the years, Patricia taught business strategy and social issues in management courses in Boston and in Washington State. She brought a holistic approach to teaching, caring deeply for her students. She was voted professor of the year three times at U.W-Bothell.

Patricia was generous and kind. She was blessed with things, but never held on tightly to things. She had a habit of giving good things away.

From childhood, she always looked out for other people. She knew how to bless others; she knew how to love, and she practiced kindness. She promoted kindness as a rule in her classrooms, in later years sometimes wearing a T-shirt bearing the legend "be kind or leave."

Patricia grew up Catholic and developed a deep faith in Christ. During a long period of illness, she often sang "Amazing Grace," "And All the People Said Amen" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Patricia had an eclectic and diverse group of friends, people from different nations and of different ethnicities. Her heart was open, and she was kind to all — it did not matter to her where people were from.

She loved to travel. She knew how to love and was passionate about helping others. Despite living on the west coast for many years, she remained a fan of her Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots.

Patricia enriched the lives of many on this earth. The citizens of heaven are blessed to have her now.

Cremation services to be determined.



Patricia M. Slamin *Loved to travel, especially to Italy, Switzerland*

Patricia M. Slamin, age 70, of Wilmington, formerly of Waltham, passed away peacefully on Aug. 8, 2020, at the Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading.

Patricia was born on Sept. 18, 1949; she was the cherished only child to James and Claudine (Mitchell) Slamin.

Patricia was raised and educated in Waltham and was a graduate of Waltham High School. Patricia always had a passion for learning; she went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree from Emerson College and continued to further her education throughout her life.

For many years, Patricia was employed as an administrative assistant for a group of Pathologists at Quest Diagnostics Laboratories. Patricia's great work ethic, her knowledge in her field and her endearing personality made her quite an asset to the company throughout the years.

In her spare time, Patricia, enjoyed reading, her book club and outings with her girlfriends. She loved to travel all over with her husband Ernest; some of their more memorable trips were to Italy, Switzerland and all over the Caribbean Islands. Patricia looked forward to seeing new places and meeting new people all over the world.

Patricia was Patriotic through and through; she was actively involved with the American Legion groups in Burlington and Wilmington and was passionate about advocating for our veterans.

Patricia will be remembered as a wonderful lady who was always smiling; she was fun loving, caring and kind towards everyone she met. Patricia loved her family and friends with all her heart and she will forever be missed by all who loved her.

Patricia was the beloved wife of Ernest R. Kemery and step-mother of Elizabeth Lewis. Patricia is also survived by the Coleman family of Billerica whom she was very special to as well as her large extended family of friends.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, Aug. 11 for Visitation from 2 - 5 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Patricia's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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House passes climate change legislation amid COVID pandemic

BOSTON — As the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to evolve, State Representative Tram Nguyen (D - Andover) joined her colleagues in the House on July 31 to pass legislation building on the House's continued commitment to address the effects of climate change by requiring the Commonwealth to achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

For the first time, the legislation, An Act Creating a 2050 Roadmap to a Clean and Thriving Commonwealth (H. 4933), establishes the criteria in statute that define environmental justice populations. The legislation also improves gas pipeline safety, increases support for clean energy workforce development programs, improves access to renewable energy and energy efficiency programs for low-income communities, and requires the state to increase its use of renewable resources for its electricity needs.

"The tragedy we experienced in the Merrimack Valley on Sept. 13, 2018 served as an alarm for many Massachusetts residents about the dangers of natural gas and its infrastructure," said Rep. Nguyen. "This climate bill addresses those dangers and sets Massachusetts on a firm plan to transition to clean and sustainable energy sources, like wind and solar. This legislation will mean more green jobs and a cleaner, brighter, and more equitable future for all generations."

The legislation includes the following provisions.

- Sets a statewide net zero limit on greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. In addition, sets one of the most ambitious interim limits in the nation for 2030 and 2040 — at 50 percent below 1990 emissions levels and 75 percent below, respectively.
- Adopts several measures aimed at improve gas pipeline safety, including increased fines for safety violations and expedited timelines for repairing gas leaks.
- Increases the required minimum percentage of the state's renewable energy via updates to the Commonwealth's renewable portfolio standard (RPS).
- Increases the required total procurement of offshore wind power by an additional 2,000 megawatts.
- Defines environmental justice populations as those that fit into one of following criteria:
 - not more than 65 percent of the statewide annual median household income;
 - minorities comprise 40 per cent or more of the population;
 - 25 percent or more of households lack English language proficiency; or
 - minorities comprise 25 percent or more of the population and the annual median household income of the municipality in which the neighborhood is located does not exceed 150 percent of the statewide annual median household income.
- When affecting environmental justice populations, the legislation requires project developers to incorporate environmental and public health impacts in the planning and development of projects, and improves public participation in the review process.
- Prioritizes incentives that benefit and increase equitable access to low-income and underserved populations in the state's solar and energy efficiency programs including weatherization and fuel assistance programs.
- Allocates additional funding for clean energy, equity workforce programs.
- Incorporates higher energy efficiency standards for a variety of common appliances including plumbing, faucets, computers and commercial appliances.

The bill is now in conference committee.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

EPA Announces Proposed Plan to Clean Up the Olin Chemical Superfund Site in Wilmington, Massachusetts

Boston — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a proposed cleanup plan for the Olin Chemical Superfund Site in Wilmington, Massachusetts. The purpose of the plan is to provide interim cleanup options to remove ongoing sources of contamination in groundwater and final cleanup options for addressing contaminated soil, sediments, and surface water at the site, and to solicit public comment on EPA's preferred alternatives for addressing the contamination.

Highlights of the cleanup proposal are as follows:

- Begin cleanup of the aquifer by constructing and operating new groundwater extraction and treatment systems;
- Capture and treat oily waste and contaminated groundwater that flows into surface water by constructing and operating new multi-phase extraction and treatment systems;
- Construct and maintain caps and cover systems on areas of soil contamination that pose an unacceptable risk, including an impermeable cap over the feature on the Olin property known as the "Containment Area";
- Excavate contaminated wetland soil and sediment, dispose excavated materials off-site at an appropriate approved facility, and restore impacted wetlands and floodplains;
- Prevent potential exposure to contaminants that pose inhalation risks in future buildings by requiring additional evaluations and/or engineering controls such as vapor barriers or venting systems;
- Continue studies to further characterize bedrock and the full extent of groundwater contamination;
- Implement land use controls to protect the remedy and public health; and
- Conduct long-term groundwater and surface water monitoring and periodic five-year reviews to ensure protectiveness of the remedy.

EPA estimates that the proposed cleanup plan will cost approximately \$48 million.

Opportunity to learn more and provide comment on EPA's proposed cleanup plan

The public is invited to submit written input on EPA's cleanup proposal during a 30-day comment period from August 26, 2020 through September 25, 2020. EPA has also established a dedicated voice mailbox at (617) 918-1880 to receive oral comments during the comment period.

Written comments may be mailed or e-mailed by Friday, September 25, 2020 to:

Melanie Morash
U.S. EPA Region 1 – New England
Mail Code 7-4
5 Post Office Square
Boston, MA 02109-3912
E-mail: morash.melanie@epa.gov

To review the proposed cleanup plan and learn more about the Olin Chemical Superfund Site, visit: www.epa.gov/superfund/olin. The cleanup plan can also be requested by contacting Sarah White, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at white.sarah@epa.gov or (617) 918-1026.

Upcoming virtual public events

EPA will hold a virtual public informational meeting and question-and-answer session on **Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm**. Representatives from EPA will present the various cleanup options considered and answer any questions community members may have concerning EPA's cleanup proposal.

EPA will hold a virtual public hearing on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm**. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide a forum for community members to submit oral comments on EPA's proposed cleanup plan. All comments received during the hearing will be recorded and included as part of the public record. The public hearing will not include any presentations and EPA will not respond at the event to feedback received. However, EPA will consider and respond in writing to all oral and written comments received during the public hearing and public comment period, prior to selecting a final cleanup plan for the site in a Record of Decision (ROD). EPA expects to issue the ROD in late 2020 or early 2021.

How to participate in EPA's virtual community events

Visit EPA's website: www.epa.gov/superfund/olin for information on how to participate in EPA's virtual events. A copy of EPA's presentation will be available on the site webpage prior to the informational meeting. For those without computer access, you may visit EPA's website (above) before the informational meeting begins to download and print a copy of the presentation materials to view while participating by telephone (call-in number to be listed on EPA's website prior to the meeting). Closed captioning will be available during the virtual informational meeting and formal hearing. Questions about how to participate in EPA's virtual events may be directed to Sarah White, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at white.sarah@epa.gov or (617) 918-1026.

Five students complete hands-on research projects at WPI

WORCESTER — The following students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) recently completed intense, hands-on research projects.

David Robie of Wilmington a member of the class of 2021 majoring in aerospace engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that completed a research project titled The Many Faces of COVID.

Ashley Danielson of Wilmington a member of the class of 2021 majoring in management engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that completed a research project titled Preserving Perspectives.

Kyria Nelson of Wilmington a member of the class of 2021 majoring in computer science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that completed a research project titled Exploring the Response to an Unprecedented Pandemic.

Mattheus Nascimento of Tewksbury a member of the class of 2021 majoring in computer science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI),

was a member of a student team that completed a research project titled Advancing Romanian Ecotourism.

Anagha Late of Tewksbury a member of the class of 2021 majoring in computer science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that completed a research project titled Designing Educational and Historical Kiosks for Worcester's East-West Trail.

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue. Nearly 90% of students typically complete a project in collaboration with partners in communities across the country and around the world, through the university's 50-plus project centers. Students usually travel to the project center for seven-week terms; this spring, however, due to the global coronavirus pandemic, they worked remotely, using video conferencing and other technology to complete their projects. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of their comfort zones to apply their knowledge to solve real problems for people in communities around the globe," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, interim dean of the WPI Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division. "Students have the opportunity to learn about a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat - all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."